

SENATE BILL 3053

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16;
Title 18; Title 20 and Title 28, relative to fees,
taxes, costs and expenses owing to the courts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

20-1-120.

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b), on notice of assessment of any fees, taxes, costs and expenses, a clerk of a court may not accept for filing another claim by the same litigant until prior fees, taxes, costs and other expenses are paid in full.

(b) A court may allow a litigant who has not paid any costs or expenses assessed against the litigant to file a claim for injunctive relief seeking to enjoin an act or failure to act that creates a substantial threat of irreparable injury or serious physical harm to the litigant.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.